Men and Women with Horus.

Revve des Revues, Paris. This phenomenon is more fre quently met with than is generally believed. Such is the force of prejudice that nearly all of us would rather have two noses or four feet than the emblem which in bygone ages was considered the supreme ornament of man. It is in this view that horns are attributed to gods and heroes. Alexander the Great, when he proclaimed himself the son of Jupiter, gave orders that on the coins which should be struck thereafter he should be represented bearing horns. Michelangelo, when he made a statue of Moses, depicted the legislator with horns, as a sign of manly strength. The kings of India were wont to have horns attached to their helmets, as a mark of their supreme rank. The great gods like Jupiter, Pan, and even Astarte, the goddess of the Syrians, were represented with horns, as an indication of their mighty power. In the course of time the horn lost its significance, and ceased to be regarded as a mark ot splendor, force and dignity.

M. Villeneuve has written a book in which he describes seventy-one cases of horned human beings. Fifty per cent. of these occurred in the cases of men who had the horns, like animals on the forehead. The statistics show that more women are horned than men, and the horns of women are usually longer than those of men. In the British Museum is the largest specimen of a human horn. It is eight inches in length, and ornamented the head of a noble Englishman. In the seventeenth century a Mrs. Allen, of Leicestershire, England, had a pair of horns. So far from being ashamed she was proud of them, and wore them as an ornament all her life. They attracted to her, it is told, numerous admirers. Another Englishwoman of the same town, known as the beautiful Mary Davis, had a pair of horns, which were regarded as an addition to her charms. She had them cut off four times; but they grew again. One growth was by the religious ceremonies, were presented to Ding Aenry IV. of

M. Lamprey and other travelers have told of people who number among them numerous specimens of horned men and women. These people are found in certain regions of western Africa. In 1887, M. Lamprey relates, he found in the African territory of Ganim several imposing types of horned men and women. One of these was a majestic looking negro with two horns, which in his case sprang one from each side of the nose. A Mexican named Rodriguez is described as having a horn on the side of his head, about seven inches long, with three branches like the horn of a stag. Are horns hereditary? It would

appear from the observatiogs of the physicians who have carefully studied these excrescences that they are sometimes hereditary, though not as a general rule. M Dublanc relates in the Fournal de Pharmacie for 1830 that the Medical Society sent him for analysis three human horns, of which one was cut from the grandfather of the person who bore the other two. Animals that are not usually horned sometimes, like the human race, put forth unexpectedly a dec oration of this kind. There are well authenticated cases of horns being found on dogs, horses and hares; and there is even one case related by a trustworthy physician of their being seen on a cat. What is the natura of this horn formation? According to Malpighi, whose opinion is entitled to great weight, horns are the nervous prolongation of the skin. Bieschu, another judge not to be despised, says they are due to a morbid secretion. Without entereing into details on this subject, it may be said that it is agreed that in their essence human horns are analogous, in their substance, to that of the horns of animals, to human nails, and the claws of beasts. Whatever it may be, these excrescences do not threaten either the health or the life of those who have

them. TREPANNING BY THE ANCIENTS .-The custom of trepanning, or taking small pieces of bone from the living head, was much practised in prehistoric times, as the skulls prove to us, and is still in vogue among some peoples. Among these are the people of the Berber stock in the Djebel Aures and the Djebel Chechar of the edges of the Algerian platuea. The method of performing the operation is carefully described by Drs. H. Malbot and R. Verneau, of whom Dr. Malbot was shown by a native doctor a skull with more than a dozen circular holes, two slits, and a large irregular orifice, all of which had been pierced when the man was alive. The skull was kept hidden, and was evidently used as an example by the local doctors. The natives have recourse to trepanning for blows or wounds on the head; and it does not matter how long before the blow may have been given, if only the sick person can remember that he has had one. The operation is not severe. A woman, tired of her husband, is said to have called in the service of a trepanner in order to get a divorce from him by producing a piece of her skull and affirming that he had broken it in some of his cruel acts. - Appleton's Popular Science Monthly (U.S.)

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pois at Epidaurus and Athens are

interesting in themselves as em-

of one of the most pathetic ruins

of antiquity, and also as affording

a proof that even in these days of

crowded scientific life there are

still among us some worthy suc-

cessors of the old race of scholarly

physicians who found leisure for

other studies in the spacious times

when the art of medicine was

neither so long nor so absorbing as

it is at the rresent day. Dr. Caton

has clothed the dry bones of arch-

æology with flesh and has enabled

us not only to see in the mind's

eye the buildings and material en-

vironment, but to understand the

inner life, and, as it were, to breathe

the spiritual atmosphere of the

most celebrated temples of Askle-

pois, the god of healing. * *

On arriving at the temple the sup-

pliant was not suffered at once to

enter. He had first to be cleansed

by bathing in the sacred well, after

which he was allowed to pay his

homage to the deity of the shrine.

He was then admitted to the altar,

whereupon be placed cakes and

choice articles of tood as offerings

to Asklepois, on whose behalf they

were graciously accepted by the

priest. Each suppliant had also to

bring a supply of food and bedding

tor himself, the temple furnishing

nothing beyond a heap of leaves

for him to lie upon. At nightfall

the sacred lamps were lighted un

der the porches, and propitiatory

prayers were offered up by the

priests with imposing ritual. The

lights were then extinguished and

the patients enjoined to cor pose

themselves to sleep. Full of ex-

pectation of the promised yisit of

Asklepois, excited further by the

solemnity of their surroundings,

hypnotized by the lamps and made

drowsy by the tumes of incense

and the languorous atmosphere of

the crowded temple, one after an-

other passed into the land of

dreams. Is it to be wondered at if

the poor sufferers, whose faith had

been inflamed almost to delirium

visited by the god and told by him

what they were to do to be made

whole? It is not unlikely that the

priests who had learnt from the

patients on their arrival some.

thing at least of the nature of

their complaints, had also sug-

gested to them a line of treatment

which would be confirmed by the

vision. But what of those to whom

therefore, no dream of healing

could come? It may well be, as

Miss Jane Harrison suggests, that

for such cases in "the half dawn of

the grey morning," when life is at

its lowest daily ebb, some dream-

like pageant was arranged by the

priests, which was probably as

urally came the question of the

fee, and the hardly less important

The poor gave earthenware vases

or whatever else they could afford.

Almost everyone who found relief

presented an ex-voto offering in the

form of a leg, arm, breast, or what-

ever part of the body might have

been the seat of the disease which

had been cured; these were often

made of gold or silver.-British

THE HOLY SHROUD .- Under the

heading, "A Marvellous Occur-

rence," the Osservatore Romano,

the Pope's own official organ, pub-

lished, on June 14, a letter from

Turin relating that a photograph

of the Holy Shroud, taken by elec-

tric light, has given an admirable

reproduction of the body of Christ.

The Holy Shroud was recently ex-

posed to veneration, and King

Humbert, who is its hereditary

guardian, at first hesitated to give

authority to have it photographed,

lest the photographs should be

used for purposes of commercial

speculation. Eventually, how-

ever, his Majesty gave the requisite

permission to Signor Secundo Pia,

a lawyer, and member of the Com-

mittee on Sacred Art, who had

offered to photograph the Holy

Shroud at his own expense solely

in the interest of religion and history. Signor Pia prepared his

plates according to a special

method, rendering them sensitive

to the yellowish tint of the Holy

Shroud by means of powerful elec

tric reflectors. "Formerly," the

letter continues, "the appearance of

the Holy Shroud gave an idea of

the contour rather than of the facial

lineaments and body of Christ. On the other hand, the photo-

graphs, on being developed,

showed a perfect representation of

the face, hands, and limbs of Christ,

the general effect being that of a

photograph of Christ, and not of his shroud." A great sensation

has been caused by this prodigy in

Turin, and crowds of "pious pil-

grims' are flocking to Pia's house.

ROMAN REMAINS IN SWITZER-

LAND .- An ancient Roman hospi-

tal has been brought to light at

Baden, near Zurich, the discovery

having been made in connection

with recent excavations at Win-

disch, the Roman Vindonissa. At

Vindonissa the two great Roman

roads met, the one leading from

the Great St. Bernard along Lake

Lemen and then by Aventicum and

Vindonissa to the Roman stations

on the Rhine; the other leading

from Italy to Lake Constance by

the Khætian Alps, the canton

which is now Winterthur, Baden,

and Windisch. The last point was

the station of the seventh and

eighth legions, and close by the

Roman road the hospital has been

discovered. It contains fourteen

rooms supplied with many kinds

ot medical, pharmaceutical, and

surgical apparatus, the latter in-

cluding probes, tubes, pincers

cauterizing instruments, and even

a collection of safety pins used in

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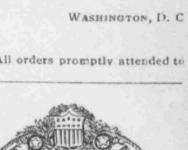
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